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Claim 10, line 1, please delete "or 9".

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Claim 12, line 1, please delete "any preceding claim", and insert ---claim 1--.

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Claim 13, line 1, please delete "9, 10 or 11".

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Claim 14, line 1, please delete "any preceding claim", and insert --claim 1--.

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Claim 20, line 1, please delete "or 19".

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Claim 21, line 1, please delete "19 or 20".

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Claim 22, line 1, please delete "any one of claims 17 to 21" and insert --claim 17--.

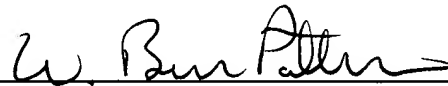
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Claim 23, line 1, please delete "any one of claims 17 to 22" and insert --claim 17--.

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Claim 24, line 1, please delete "any one of claims 17 to 23" and insert --claim 17--.

REMARKS

The above amendments have been made to remove the multiple dependencies in the claims. Early and favorable action in connection with this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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